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Dear Ms. Amico,

Thank you for writing. Yes, it is the same Deonte Bryant. As you can imagine, I was very disturbed and disheartened to learn of his arrest and alleged involvement in the June 25th shooting.

Below I have provided you an email thread dating back to June, 2010. In this email thread you will see that DYRS first introduced me to Deonte in June, 2010 as a recent graduate of the New Beginnings / See Forever Charter School. DYRS officials, Michael Umpierre who is still with DYRS and David Muhammad, former Director of Committed Services, advised me that Deonte was planning to attend college in the fall of 2010. By the way, Deonte did not show for his June 2010 graduation so the check was not presented at that time. But later he did enroll, as described in this email and I met with him in my office.

For most of my 14 years on the Council, I have provided \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors to Ward One youth graduating from Ward One High Schools. Each school would recommend one student. In this case, even though New Beginnings is not located in Ward One, their sister school, Maya Angelou Public Charter School is located in the Ward. I agreed, based on the recommendation of Mr. Muhammad, Mr. Umpierre, and later, in the highlighter email thread below, Fred Rogers, DYRS case manager, to provide a \$500 scholarship to support Mr. Bryant once he was accepted and started school

In October, 2010 I wrote a \$500 check to Langston University with the instructions to assist with Mr. Bryant's education, room and board costs. Also, it was clear to me the 2010 fall semester was well underway and Mr. Bryant was in school at the time.

I strongly believe everyone, especially our young, youthful offenders, sometimes need a second chance, sometimes a third and fourth chance to get their lives on track. However, those chances / opportunities need to be coupled with verification and close monitoring by the agency. I don't have any information why, when or how Mr. Bryant returned to DC. DYRS never communicated to me his return, although my staff made several attempts, beginning in April, 2011 to check on his status. DYRS never fully responded to those requests. Unfortunately, the first news I had regarding Deonte was when I read he was arrested.

And still no call from DYRS. I initiated the call and requested to review his files.

Sincerely, Councilmember Jim Graham

-----Original Message-----

From: Rogers, Fred (DYRS) [mailto:fred.rogers@dc.gov]

Sent: Sunday, October 24, 2010 4:50 PM

To: DeTaeye, John (COUNCIL)

Subject: Deonte Bryant

Importance: High

Hi John,

I hope all is well. I am writing to ask if you have time to sit down with me this week to discuss "Moochie". The collaborative did not pay the tuition, and he may be removed from the school. I talked to Dell, and he said it was being processed, however only \$2000. ***The total tuition bill is \$8600. I know you are aware how important it is to keep this young man engaged in something this positive. Especially since it is a real opportunity to change his life. It isn't often that we have these kinds of successes and I would hate funding to be the reason he has to abandon college and come back to the District.*** Please shoot me an email or call and let me know when I can stop by so we can discuss strategy to keep him enrolled. Thanks and I look forward to speaking with you soon.

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From: Umpierre, Michael (DYRS) [<mailto:michael.umpierre@dc.gov>]
Sent: Friday, June 11, 2010 4:27 PM
To: DeTaeye, John (COUNCIL); Schindler, Marc (DYRS); Muhammad, David (DYRS)
Subject: RE: Correct spelling of Deonte Bryant???

Deonte will be there. I don't think he knows anything—which will make for a nice surprise. We currently have CM Graham in the middle of the program but we can work to accommodate his schedule. Let me talk with David Domenici about this. What time do you intend to arrive?

From: DeTaeye, John (COUNCIL) [<mailto:JDeTaeye@DCCOUNCIL.US>]
Sent: Friday, June 11, 2010 4:24 PM
To: Umpierre, Michael (DYRS); Schindler, Marc (DYRS); Muhammad, David (DYRS)
Subject: RE: Correct spelling of Deonte Bryant???

Thanks. Where in the program is the CM to speak? Near the beginning would be great.

Also, does Deonte know anything about this? Is he definitely going to be there?

I typically answer emails before 9 AM on weekdays. If you email me after that, it is likely that you will hear from me the next weekday. If there is a need to communicate prior to that, you may wish to call me. For most effective communication, please use my direct email address: jim@grahamwone.com

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